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FOURTH OF JULY
CELEBRATION, PICNIC AND
HORSE FAIR
—AT IRONTON, MO.—
Under the auspices of the M. W. A. and the Arcadia
Valley Cornet Band.
Grand Bunting Parade!
Through the Streets of Town out to Goulding's Park.

PROGRAMME.
Bunting Parade at 10 A. M. Prize for the Most
Handsomely Decorated Vehicle.
Reading of the Declaration of Independence,
followed by an Address by Hon. WM. R. EDGAR
at 11:30 o'clock.
Dinner at 12:30. At 1 o'clock,
THE HORSE FAIR,
at which the following Contest will be entered and
Prizes awarded:
1. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Cavalcade—Prizes
for best Lady and Gentleman Riders.
2. Best Girl Rider—14 years or under.
3. Best Boy Rider—14 years or under.
4. Fastest Saddle Pacer.
5. Best Saddle Stallion.
6. Colt Show.
7. Fastest Trotter in Harness.
8. Fastest Pacer in Harness.
9. Most Stylish Turnout.
10. Best Two-Year-Old Registered Stallion.
11. Best Matched Team.
12. Slow Mule Race.
13. Most Tackey Team.
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Come, Everybody, and participate in Biggest Celebration known for Years.

An Important Issue.

The attempt now being made to con-
solidate the Frisco and Memphis rail-
roads presents a question of tremen-
dous import to each individual citizen
of the state.

On the 30th day of October, 1875,
the people of Missouri, by a practically
unanimous vote, adopted their present
state constitution. That constitution,
which is held in sacred veneration by
three and a half millions of people,
who believe that every line and every
sentence in it means what it says and
that it is binding alike upon every
citizen and every corporation under
its protection, contains a plain, un-
equivocal section prohibiting, in express
terms, the consolidation of parallel or
competing lines of railroad within the
state of Missouri.

This constitution went into effect on
the 30th day of November, 1875, and
from that day to this has been the or-
ganic law of the state. The adoption
of the constitution was followed by
legislative enactments providing the
necessary legal machinery for enforce-
ing this prohibitory clause of the con-
stitution, and prescribing penalties for
its violation, and the language both of
the constitution and statute is so plain,
simple and easy to understand that
the proverbial wayfaring man could
not err as to its meaning or misunder-
stand its force and application. It is
neither obscured by ambiguity of ex-
pression nor rendered uncertain by the
employment of words or terms suscep-
tible of a double interpretation.

So plain, indeed, is the law govern-
ing the matter that the legal advisors
of the two railroads have found it nec-
essary to resort to the subterfuge of
incorporating under the laws of Kan-
sas in order, if possible, to escape the
direct prohibition of the constitution
and statutes of Missouri. This, they

no doubt hope, will give the federal
courts jurisdiction of the matter, in
case an attempt is made by Missouri
officials to call them to account for so
flagrant a defiance of Missouri's laws.
But in the light of section 38 of article
xii of the constitution of Missouri it is
difficult to see anything in that move-
ment upon which they can hang the
shadow of a hope of evasion. That
section reads as follows:
"If any railroad company organized
under the laws of this state shall con-
solidate, by sale or otherwise, with
any railroad company organized under
the laws of any other state or of the
United States the same shall not there-
by become a foreign corporation; but
the courts of this state shall retain
jurisdiction in all matters which may
arise as if said consolidation had not
taken place," etc.

Suppose they organize a new cor-
poration under the laws of Kansas, and
go through the form of a pretended
"sale" of both roads to that corpo-
ration, they are met by the provisions
just quoted, which positively prohibits
a consolidation by such means, and
jurisdiction is still retained "in all
matters which may arise," and Missou-
ri courts can not be deprived of that
jurisdiction without destroying the
right of the people of the state to make
their own constitution. Can it be pos-
sible that the officials and attorneys
engaged in this unlawful enterprise
hope to induce the federal courts to set
aside and annul the constitution of a
sovereign state? Could the United
States courts override a state constitu-
tion, even if they were inclined to take
such a revolutionary step? The or-
ganization of a foreign corporation by
the parties interested in this attempt
to override the constitution of Missou-
ri can have no other object. It is a
palpable attempt to accomplish their
unlawful purposes by a shallow sub-

terfuge. Every citizen of Missouri is
vitaly interested in the result of this
matter, and the law officers and courts
of the state, who have taken an oath
to support the constitution and faith-
fully administer the laws, and whose
duty it is to deal with the question,
have a high and sacred duty to per-
form in promptly instituting such pro-
ceedings as will demonstrate that there
is still vitality in the constitution and
power in the laws of Missouri.—K. C.
Times.

Mr. W. S. Whedon, Cashier of the
First National Bank of Winteres, Iowa,
in a recent letter gives some experi-
ence with a carpenter in his employ,
that will be of value to other me-
chanics. He says: "I had a carpenter
working for me who was obliged to
stop work for several days on account
of being troubled with diarrhoea. I
mentioned to him that I had been sim-
ilarly troubled and that Chamberlain's
Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy
had cured me. He bought a bottle of
it from the druggist here and in-
formed me that one dose cured him,
and he is again at his work." For
sale by druggist.

Increasing the Army.

Following close upon the permanent
increase of the United States army
comes the adoption by the British Par-
liament of a so-called army reform
measure which is in reality a bill for
the increase of the English army. The
British army bill, proposed by the
Secretary of War, adds 115,000 regu-
lars to the standing army and an equal
aggregate number to the three vol-
untary military organizations known
as the militia, the yeomanry and the
volunteers. The forces for home de-
fense are brought nominally to nearly
700,000 men.

That the two great English-speaking
nations of the world should feel com-
pelled to make those large and costly
increases in their standing army and

militia is a queer commentary upon
the apparent tendency toward peace.
In fact it may be regarded as indicat-
ing that this tendency is only apparent.
Those increases also demonstrate that
the English colonial system which is
now being adopted by the United States
requires a large standing army and a
great outlay of money for military pur-
poses. Great Britain and the United
States appear to be moving side by
side. Which will first fall into the
ditch?—State Tribune.

Didn't Marry for Money.

The Boston man, who lately married
a sickly rich young woman, is happy
now, for he got Dr. King's New Life
Pills, which restored her to perfect
health. Infallible for Jaundice, Bil-
iousness, Malaria, Fever and Ague and
all Liver and Stomach troubles. Gentle
but effective. Only 25c at the drug
store.

All for the Trusts.

It must be acknowledged that the
trade hostility against the United States
aroused in the Russian mind by the
imposition of a countervailing duty on
Russian sugar for the sole and exclu-
sive benefit of the American Sugar
Trust now more than ever threatens to
cost American exporters a loss of trade
with Russia running far into the mil-
lions.

With the present danger of an
abrogation of the trade agreements be-
tween the two nations the situation
becomes serious. It means an unset-
tled condition of commercial relations
which will be in the nature of a calam-
ity to American trade. Exports from
this country to Russia amount to more
than \$11,000,000, annually. Russian
imports into this country are inconsid-
erable in comparison—even of Russian
sugar, against which a trust adminis-
tration "protected" the Sugar Trust
by imposing the duty which has caused

all this present trouble, there is a total
of but \$340,000.

The truth must surely impress itself
upon the minds of the American peo-
ple that Mr. McKinley and his advis-
ers stand ready to go to any lengths in
their servility to the will of the trusts.
There was absolutely no reason for the
countervailing duty on Russian sugars,
except that its imposition would help
to pay the Republican obligation for
the large contributions made by the
Sugar Trust to Mr. McKinley's cam-
paign fund. If a general trade war
shall now be declared by Russia, a war
in which we stand to lose a hundred-
fold more than is possible to Russia,
the loss must be charged up to the
Republican administration acting un-
der the orders of the Sugar Trust.

The Republican method of paying
its campaign debts may be a good
thing for the Republican party and its
creditors, the trusts, but it is a bad
thing for the American people. The
trouble is that the debts are paid by
taking the money out of the people's
pockets. And this gets tiresome after
a time. The time of its tiresomeness
is now being reached.—St. Louis Re-
public.

Popular Vengeance Wreaked.

That is a curious story from Arkan-
sas in which it is stated that a commit-
tee of citizens gave a white man five
hundred lashes for having placed the
life of a negro in jeopardy.

It seems that a grave charge was
brought against this negro, such as
usually terminates at the end of a rope.
As was fortunate in this case, the vic-
tim's life was spared for a trial before
a jury, when he was found guilty and
sentenced to death. Before the date
was reached the woman implicated con-
fessed that she had perjured herself,
and did so at the instigation of her
husband.

It may well be imagined that the
people at large were indignant, and
the determination to protect woman-
hood was switched around in order to
get rid of a dangerous disturber. The
lashes inflicted were numerous and
severe. While the whole proceeding
was unlawful, there will be few to
sympathize with the victim who had
given such cause for indignation.

The incident would illustrate the ne-
cessity for cool judgment in the midst
of great clamor produced by alleged
crime, and emphasizes the necessity
of awaiting the action of a court of
justice in order that the whole truth
may be known.—Atlanta Constitution.

A Good Cough Medicine.

It speaks well for Chamberlain's
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deck, says the Fayette Globe. "The
boy walked barefooted on a tin roof
during the recent hot spell and what
happened to his feet was a plenty."

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